

**Youth Advisory Commission**  
General Meeting  
Monday, February 6, 2006  
(Rescheduled February 13, 2006 Meeting)  
4:00pm – 7:00pm  
City Hall, Hearing Room #3, Oakland, CA 94612

Youth Present: Edward Baraona, Glenda Frost, Malcolm Gaines, Andy Nguyen, Rico Robinson, Lexus Monae Stromas,  
Staff Present: Andrea Tacdol, Carmela Chase  
Community Member Present: Attallah Gaines

MINUTES

1. Pre-Meeting Social Gathering
2. Meeting called to order by Glenda Frost at 5:04PM.
3. Introductions and Ice Breaker facilitated by Frost.
4. Commission Agreements reviewed by Frost.
5. Meeting minutes approved.
6. Report Back
  - A. Youth Leadership Retreat: Nguyen did a detailed day-by-day account of the Youth Leadership retreat. He identified the two major goals of the youth commission for the next few months will be to get appointed and to have some kind of “function” to publicize the Youth Commission. Stromas added that UC Davis students also spoke with youth about college.
  - B. Youth Commission Intern Hiring: Baraona updated youth about Aida Mariam, a UC Berkeley student with experience from Congresswoman Barbara Lee’s office that will be hired as the Youth Advisory Commission intern. Tacdol also mentioned that Helen Wu, a Mills College student with experience in city commissions, will also be hired to do research on/for the Youth Advisory Commission.
8. Old/New Business
  - A. Committee Breakout

*Public Service Announcement:* Subcommittee Meeting will be on February 15, 2006 at 5:45PM. Baraona and Robinson suggested an idea to have youth in suits to “save-the-day” when there are problems in the community. The PSA committee must finish a storyboard by February 27, 2006.

*Appointment Process:* Subcommittee Meeting will be on February 15, 2006 at 4:15PM. Nguyen said that they need to arrange a meeting with the mayor, get in

contact with City Council members, figure out reasons to convince mayor to appoint the youth and to meet with all youth commissioners and advocates. Nguyen also confirmed with at least 4 youth commissioners to contact their Council people by the next meeting.

*Youth Commission "Function"*: Subcommittee Meeting will be on March 6, 2006 at 4:30PM. Stromas, M. Gaines and A. Gaines want to have a dance/fundraiser. M. Gaines and A. Gaines will talk to step-dad about renting the Rotunda building. M. Gaines and Stromas will look into fliers. Stromas will also look into local rappers to perform. The suggested admission price will be \$3.00.

*Mayoral Elections*: Subcommittee Meeting will be February 15, 2006 at 5:00PM. Frost said that YAC needs to get the contact information for the candidates, interview candidates, create questions with the YAC, set up appointment and mention youth issues. Frost says that they should also do an exit interview with Mayor Brown.

9. Open Forum: Cancelled
10. Items for new agenda and acting chair: Tacdol said that the acting chair will be Renato Rocha who volunteered through email. Baraona said he would like to talk about the recent violence that has been happening in Oakland in relation to youth. Baraona noted an incident where youth from McClymond's high school was shot. Frost also mentioned that there was an incident at Skyline where a student was assaulted on a public bus.
11. Announcements
  - ★ Chase said that she was wondering if any youth would be interested in working on a mural near Castlemont High School on a woman's house that has been repeatedly vandalized. Contact her if you would be interested. (238-7992)
  - ★ Chase also said that she will be taking a tour of SMAAC, a center for LGBTQ youth in Oakland. If you are interested in attending the tour please contact her. (238-3245)
  - ★ Nguyen said that he will be performing in San Francisco's Lunar New Year Parade this Saturday from 6-8PM. He hopes that you can attend!
  - ★ Andrea said that there was a news report on an increase in crime in the City Center area. She told youth commissioners to be careful and to try to have parents pick them up right outside of City Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, where security guards and herself can keep an eye on you.
  - ★ Andrea reminded students of an upcoming meeting with Youth Media Council that they mentioned at the educational they did at a meeting. It will be on February 23 at La Pena Cultural Center from 4-7PM.
12. Meeting Adjourned at 6:54PM by Glenda Frost.

NEXT MEETINGS: The next Youth Commission Committee meeting will be at 4:15PM, Wednesday, February 15, 2006 in 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor,

Conference Room #1. The next Youth Commission General meeting will be on Monday, February 27, 2006 at 5-7PM in City Hall, Hearing Room #4. Dinner will be from 4-5PM!